And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

Recently, S.H.I.E.L.D. director Nick Fury discovered that dozens of low-rent technology-based super-criminals were being secretly funded by the new prime minister of Latveria. He gathered some of the world's most colorful and misunderstood heroes--Wolverine, Daredevil, Spider-Man, Captain America, Black Widow and Luke Cage--for a covert trip to Latveria. What the heroes did not know was that Fury brought them there to overthrow the terrorist Latverian government. After the violence was over and the day was won, Fury erased the horrible memory from the heroes' minds. It was only later, when Latveria launched a vengeful counterattack, that they discovered the true nature of Fury's betrayal. . .

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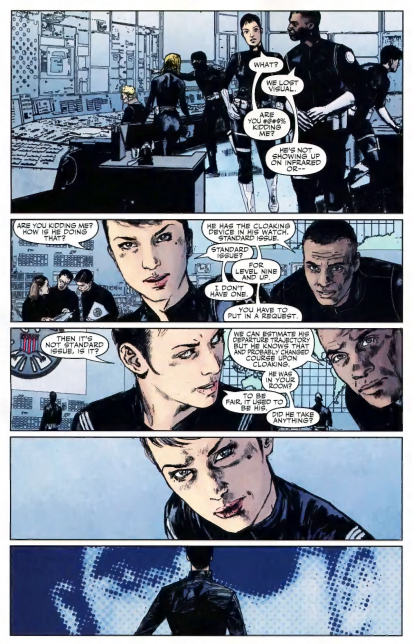
WOULD I COME HERE IF I WAS?
HOW'S THE REAL WORLD DOING WITHOUT ME?
THEY CLEANED HOUSE
YOU'RE SUSPENDED.
S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT COUNTESS VALENTINA ALLEGRA DEFONTAINE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.
ANYONE WHO KNEW HER IS SUSPENDED. SAM JENNY CHRISTMANN. EVERYONE EXCEPT DUGAN.
WHAT ARE YA GONNA DO NOW?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
I GUESS WE'RE SUPPOSED TO LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER.
THAT WOULD BE NICE.
YOU CERTAINLY EARNED IT. WE BOTH EARNED IT.
FEELS ODD THOUGH, DON'T IT?
YOU DID WHAT YOU HAD TO DO, NICK.
HISTORY WILL BE KIND.
HEY...

WHERE YA GOING?
I'M GOING TO GO GET WHATEVER THAT AMAZING SMELL OUTSIDE IS.
WANT ME TO COME?
NO. I'LL BRING YOU BREAKFAST...OR DINNER...IN BED.
CLUMP

MOTEL

HE'S NOT A STUPID MAN.
GET HIS PARTICIPES TO HIS PRIVATE S.H.I.E.L.D. FILES AND ELIMINATE HIM.
CALM DOWN.
YOU--
CALM DOWN!
TELL THE QUEEN I'M IN PEACE.
YOU SHOULD GET THE--
TELL THE QUEEN, YOU DO YOUR TASK, OKAY?
THE MORE TIME YOU SPEND WITH HIM THE RISKIER THE--
STOP TALKING!
SO.
I'LL FIND YOU
HOTEL
MELCHOR PRIMERO
HOTEL
OKAY, SO IT SMELLS BETTER THAN IT LOOKS, BUT THAT'S THE--


WHAT?
WE LOST VISUAL.
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
HE'S NOT SHOWING UP ON INFRARED OR--
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? HOW IS HE DOING THAT?
HE HAS THE CLOAKING DEVICE IN HIS WATCH. STANDARD ISSUE.
STANDARD ISSUE?
FOR LEVEL NINE AND UP.
I DON'T HAVE ONE.
YOU HAVE TO PUT IN A REQUEST.
THEN IT'S NOT STANDARD ISSUE, IS IT?
WE CAN ESTIMATE HIS DEPARTURE TRAJECTORY, BUT HE KNOWS THAT AND PROBABLY CHANGES COURSE WITH CLOAKING.
HE WAS IN YOUR ROOM?
TO BE FAIR, IT USED TO BE HIS.
DID HE TAKE ANYTHING?

AN ALIEN?
YOU EVER SEEN THAT?
NO.
THING IS, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT IF YOU DID. THEY CAN CHANGE SHAPE.
THEY CAN LIVE AMONG US.
AND THEY'RE GOT YOU THINK THEY'VE GOT INTO S.H.I.E.L.D.?
MAYBE.
DO WE FIND OUT?
CAREFULLY.
NOW YOU GOT ME REALLY CREEPED! HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT ONE?
YOU DON'T, AND I REALLY DON'T KNOW YOURS NOT...
EXCEPT THAT I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FOR THREE DAYS.
THOUGHT IT WAS TWO.
IT'S BEEN A WEEK.
THAT REALLY CREEPS ME OUT EVEN MORE THAN THE OTHER THING.
HEY, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU? IT'S THE TIMBS WE LIVE IN.
YOU IN?
SO NOW I'LL BE A TRIPLE AGENT.
HYDRA, S.H.I.E.L.D., AND I'M REPORTING BACK TO YOU, WHO WORKS FOR NO ONE.
MANKIND.
OH, YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT.
I KNOW. THIS IS CRAPPY. I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN IN LIMBO. IT IS WHAT IS.
WAS THAT AS CLOSE TO AN APOLOGY AS I'M GOING TO GET OUT OF YOU?
YOU IN?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I'LL TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.
I'M GOING TO FIGURE THIS OUT.
I'M GOING TO PUT ALL THE PIECES TOGETHER.

TO BE CONTINUED!